

Reflect on *Treasure Island*

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. The story follows Jim on his journey to discover buried treasure. Based on the following passage, how would you describe Jim’s reaction when he finally finds the treasure? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

In the flickering light of the cave, I beheld heaps of coins and stacks of golden bars. That was Flint’s treasure that we had come so far to seek, and that had already cost the lives of a number of men. How many lives had it cost to gather all this gold? How many seamen had been shot, or marooned, or sent to the bottom of the ocean? There’s no way to tell.

2. Now that you have read the entire story, how do you think Jim changed over the course of *Treasure Island*? What is Jim like at the beginning of the story? How is he different at the end? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. How does Jim’s perception of Long John Silver change over the course of *Treasure Island*? What does Jim think of him at the beginning of the story? What does he think of him at the end? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

4. The theme is the main idea or meaning of a story. Two themes in *Treasure Island* are greed and duplicity. Remember, *greed* means selfish desire for things one doesn’t need and *duplicity* means dishonest behavior meant to trick someone. Select one theme and provide examples from the text to support your choice.
